Mountain Weather Forecast

North Grampian

Including North and West Cairngorms National Park, Monadhliath, Ben Alder, Creag Meagaidh, Loch Ericht and Loch Rannoch
Forecast valid from 06:00 on Saturday 31 Oct 2020 until 23:59 on Sunday 01 Nov 2020

Forecast Issued on Saturday 31 Oct 2020 at 02:50 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High confidence for an extremely windy weekend with persistent heavy rain and snow at times higher on the munros. The timing of the strongest winds and amounts of rainfall is harder to predict.

Headline for Saturday 31 Oct 2020: A wet and very windy day with storm force gusts, particularly on the Cairngorm plateau.

Mountain weather hazards on Saturday 31 Oct 2020

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy Snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
Medium Likelihood

Gales
High Likelihood

Severe chill effect
Medium Likelihood

Poor visibility
No Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
Low Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Heavy rain showers	Light rain showers	Heavy rain showers (night)	Heavy rain showers (night)
Precipitation probability					
40%	70%	50%	30%	50%	30%

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Weather: Rain will start before daylight and will soon turn heavy and persistent for much of the day. South easterly winds will strengthen throughout the morning with storm force gusts on the munro tops. Combined with the driving rain it will make for very difficult progress on the hills with very poor visibility at times. Rain turning wintry on munro tops later in the day.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 70% around dawn but cloud soon becoming thicker at lower levels and there will be very little clearance at all above 600m. 20% by the afternoon.

Visibility: Good at dawn but soon turning poor or very poor at times.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	59/75 SE	62/81 SE	60/83 S	53/73 S	59/82 SW	52/72 SW	48/66 SW
900	72/85 SE	63/76 SE	57/74 S	51/67 S	60/78 SW	49/65 SW	44/57 SW
600	52/65 SE	40/52 SE	38/55 S	35/50 S	43/60 SW	36/51 SW	28/40 SW
300	9/30 SE	22/50 SE	25/54 S	22/47 S	26/57 SW	22/47 SW	15/34 SW
Glen	2/9 SW	5/32 S	9/41 S	9/38 S	9/42 SW	8/35 SW	6/30 SW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	-1/-12	3/-7	5/-3	1/-8	-0/-11	-1/-11	-3/-13
900	4/-6	7/-1	8/2	4/-3	3/-6	2/-7	1/-8
600	5/-3	9/3	11/5	7/2	5/-2	4/-2	3/-3
300	6/4	9/5	12/8	10/6	7/2	6/2	5/1
Glen	6/6	10/8	13/11	11/8	8/4	7/3	5/2
Freezing Level*	2100m	2800m	2600m	1500m	1400m	1200m	900m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Winds are likely to gust even stronger than the forecast values and gusts may reach 100mph at times on the plateau. A severe wind chill is expected in the morning and evening and becoming quite wintry on Saturday night.

Forecast for Sunday 01 Nov 2020

Weather: Another wet and windy day expected with snow expected on the munro tops. Some breaks in the cloud are likely after lunchtime however showers will soon follow and further more persistent rain or snow is likely in the evening.

Maximum wind: Southwesterly 30-40mph with gusts 50-60mph, stronger on the Cairngorm Plateau.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 20% during the morning, with very few cloud breaks likely, becoming 60% for a time in the afternoon when there may be some brightness.

Visibility: Poor or very poor but may improve good for a few hours in the afternoon.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 7 Celsius rising to 14 Celsius.
At 800m: Plus 1 Celsius.
Freezing level: Around 900m.

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